

Appendix 2A

Public and FLM Comments and MDEQ Responses

(The following 3 pages contain the MDEQ notice of the second public comment period which was held in October 2008 as published in MDEQs bi-weekly Calendar of events.)



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**PART I:
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, PERMITTING AND RELATED REGULATIONS**

Permit Decisions Before the Office of the Director

**AIR QUALITY
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EES COKE BATTERY, LLC, RIVER ROUGE, WAYNE COUNTY, proposed Permit to Install application for a 5 percent increase in production of metallurgical coke on an annual basis from the existing by-product recovery coke oven battery. Additionally, the 5 percent increase in production of metallurgical coke on an annual basis from the existing by-product recovery coke oven battery will require revisions to Renewable Operating Permit (ROP) No. 199600332. This public comment period meets the public participation requirements for a future administrative amendment to the ROP. The facility is located at Zug Island, River Rouge, Michigan. The responsible official for the source is Gary Gross, General Manager, P.O. Box 18309, River Rouge, Michigan. New Source Review and ROP public notice documents can be viewed at www.michigan.gov/deqair. If a public hearing is requested in writing by September 26, 2008, an informational session and public hearing will be held September 30, 2008, (see September 30 listing in this calendar). Written comments and/or a request for a public hearing should be sent to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909, to the attention of Mary Ann Dolehanty, Acting Permit Section Supervisor. Information Contact: **Randal Telesz**, Air Quality Division, 517-373-7089. Decision-maker: **G. Vinson Hellwig**, Air Quality Division Chief.

**AIR QUALITY
DIVISION**
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SIETSEMA FARMS FEEDS, INC., HOWARD CITY, MONTCALM COUNTY: Written comments are being accepted until October 28, 2008, on a proposed Permit to Install application for installation and operation of a gasification facility to produce steam and electricity from turkey manure/litter. The facility is located at 19117 Lake Montcalm Road, Howard City, Michigan. Public notice documents can be viewed at www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/cwerp.shtml. A public hearing will be held on October 28, 2008 (see October 28 listing in this calendar). Written comments should be sent to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909, to the attention of Mary Ann Dolehanty, Acting Permit Section Supervisor. Information Contact: **Paul Schleusener**, Air Quality Division, 517-335-6828. Decision-maker: **Lynn Fiedler**, Acting Air Quality Division Assistant Chief.

**AIR QUALITY
DIVISION**
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WOLVERINE POWER SUPPLY COOPERATIVE, INC., ROGERS CITY, PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY: Written comments are being accepted until November 24, 2008, on a draft permit for the proposed installation and operation of a 600-megawatt coal-fired steam electric power plant. The facility would be located within the Oglebay-Norton Quarry property, Rogers Township, Michigan. New Source Review public notice documents can be viewed at www.michigan.gov/deqair. An informational session will be held on October 1, 2008 (see October 1 listing in this calendar). Additional informational sessions and public hearings will be held on October 29, 2008 and on October 30, 2008 (see the October 29 and October 30 listings in this calendar). Written comments should be sent to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909, to the attention of Mary Ann Dolehanty, Acting Permit Section Supervisor. All statements received by November 24, 2008, will be considered by the decision-maker prior to final action. Information Contact: **Melissa Byrnes**, Air Quality Division, 517-373-7065. Decision-maker: **G. Vinson Hellwig**, Air Quality Division Chief.

Other Decisions Before the Office of the Director

**AIR QUALITY
DIVISION**
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MICHIGAN'S REGIONAL HAZE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SIP), proposed for Michigan's two Class I areas, Isle Royale National Park and Seney Wilderness Area. The Air Quality Division will hold a public comment period through October 29, 2008, meets the public participation requirements for a SIP submittal. The Regional Haze SIP can be viewed on the Web at www.michigan.gov/deqair. If requested by October 29, 2008, a hearing will be held November 3, 2008 (see November 3 listing in this calendar). Written comments should be sent to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909, to the attention of Sheila Blais. Information Contact: **Cindy Hodges**, Air Quality Division, 517-335-1059.

Chris Hare, Acting District Supervisor. If requested in writing by October 29, 2008, a public hearing may be scheduled. Information Contact: **Jennifer Lang**, Air Quality Division, 989-686-8025, Extension 8254.

OCTOBER 29, 2008

DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING VECTOR PIPELINE L. P., HIGHLAND COMPRESSOR STATION (SRN: N6838), HIGHLAND, OAKLAND COUNTY, for the proposed approval of a draft permit for the renewal of a Renewable Operating Permit (ROP) for the operation of two natural gas fired turbines and a natural gas fired emergency generator. The draft permit is intended to simplify and clarify the facility's applicable requirements and will not result in any air emission changes at the stationary source. The ROP public notice documents can be viewed on the Web at www.michigan.gov/deqair. The responsible official of the stationary source is Belinda Feriis, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer & Corporate Secretary, 38705 Seven Mile Road, Suite 490, Livonia, Michigan 48152. Comments on the draft permit are to be submitted to Sebastian G. Kallumkal, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, Southeast Michigan District Office, 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092. The decision-maker for the permit is Teresa Seidel, Southeast Michigan District Supervisor. If requested in writing by October 29, 2008, a public hearing may be scheduled. Information Contact: **Sebastian G. Kallumkal**, Air Quality Division, 586-753-3738.

OCTOBER 29, 2008
5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.
INFORMATIONAL
SESSION
7:00 P.M. – PUBLIC
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and
OCTOBER 30, 2008
4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.
INFORMATIONAL
SESSION
6:00 P.M. – PUBLIC
HEARING

INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING WOLVERINE POWER SUPPLY COOPERATIVE, INC., ROGERS CITY, PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY: Written comments are being accepted on a draft permit for the proposed installation and operation of a 600-megawatt coal-fired steam electric power plant. The facility would be located within the Oglebay-Norton Quarry property, Rogers Township, Michigan. New Source Review public notice documents can be viewed at www.michigan.gov/deqair. The informational sessions and public hearings will be held in the Rogers City High School Gymnasium, 1033 West Huron Avenue, Rogers City, Michigan. On October 29, 2008, a public hearing will be held starting promptly at 7:00 p.m. Prior to the hearing, an informational session will be held in an open-house format from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Staff will be available to answer questions. The public hearing will follow at 7:00 p.m. An additional public hearing will be held on October 30, 2008, starting promptly at 6:00 p.m. Prior to the hearing, an informational session will be held in an open-house format from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Staff will be available to answer questions. The public hearing will follow at 6:00 p.m. Written comments should be sent to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909, to the attention of Mary Ann Dolehanty, Acting Permit Section Supervisor. All statements received by November 24, 2008 will be considered by the decision-maker prior to final action. Information Contact: **Melissa Byrnes**, Air Quality Division, 517-373-7065.

NOVEMBER 3, 2008
1:00 p.m.

TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING MICHIGAN'S REGIONAL HAZE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SIP), proposed for Michigan's two Class I areas, Isle Royale National Park and Seney Wilderness Area. This public comment period meets the public participation requirements for a SIP submittal. The Regional Haze SIP can be viewed on the Web at www.michigan.gov/deqair. If requested by October 29, 2008, a public hearing will be held in the Constitution Hall, Lillian Hatcher Conference Room, 3rd Floor North, 525 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan. Those interested may contact the Air Quality Division at 517-335-1059 on October 30, 2008, to determine if a hearing was requested and will be held. Information Contact: **Cindy Hodges**, Air Quality Division, at 517-335-1059.

NOVEMBER 24,
2008

DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING WOLVERINE POWER SUPPLY COOPERATIVE, INC., ROGERS CITY, PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY, on a draft permit for the proposed installation and operation of a 600-megawatt coal-fired steam electric power plant. The facility would be located within the Oglebay-Norton Quarry property, Rogers Township, Michigan. New Source Review public notice documents can be viewed at www.michigan.gov/deqair. Written comments should be sent to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909, to the attention of Mary Ann Dolehanty, Acting Permit Section Supervisor. All statements received by November 24, 2008, will be considered by the decision-maker prior to final action. Information Contact: **Melissa Byrnes**, Air Quality Division, 517-373-7065.

General Summary of Comments From the 2008 Public Comment Period and MDEQ Responses

Comment: Several comments addressed issues with BART for non-EGUs such as:

- being incomplete
- adjusting RPGs when BART is complete
- some clarifications in the current SIP for Q/d calculations
- a specific date when BART determinations will be made

Response: The BART portion of the Regional Haze SIP will not be completed until fall of 2009. When it is completed, MDEQ will re-model using the BART emission reductions to see how the the Reasonable Progress Goals are affected. The SIP will also include additional details about the Q/d calculations.

Comment: Several comments addressed issues with BART for EGUs such as:

- a specific date when BART determinations will be made
- BART for particulate emissions
- SIP relies on CAIR to satisfy BART for EGUs

Response: With the possible CAIR vacatur there is a great deal of uncertainty in dealing with EGUs. EGUs have been informed that, should CAIR be vacated they will be required to submit BART analyses. The SIP and all the modeling based on CAIR has been proceeding for several years. To completely redo the whole SIP and modeling based on a variety of possible EGU scenarios is not reasonable. However, MDEQ will be discussing control options with the EGUs, including possible BART controls, over the next few months.

MDEQ has determined that primary particulates from EGUs are not significant and this is explained in greater detail in the SIP document.

Comment: Comments from the Forrest Service recommended including details on current controls on EGUs, controls being installed, by what date and by what level of emissions reductions are expected.

Response: MDEQ is working on assembling this data, considering uncertainty with the CAIR rule. MDEQ will include this in the BART submittal in 2009.

Comment: Several comments indicated that MDEQ did not respond to the EC/R report that indicated cost effective controls for EGUs and other non-EGUs.

Response: MDEQ addressed this issue in part 10.5.2 of the SIP document.

Comment: EPA suggested that MDEQ should consider lowering the state to state contribution threshold to below 5 percent.

Response: MDEQ disagrees. As explained in Appendix 1A to this SIP, the back trajectory and modeling results showed that states contributing 2% (or more) make-up about 90-95% of total light extinction, whereas states contributing 5% (or more) make-up only about 75-80% of total light extinction. Since this is the

first planning period for regional haze, we believe that focusing on a 5% grouping of states is adequate. In future years this will be re-evaluated and a larger impacting group of states may be appropriate.

Comment: Comments from the Forrester Service recommended including emissions summaries for 2012 and 2018 as well as 2005.

Response: MDEQ agrees, however, modeling was only done for 2009 and 2018. Therefore emission summaries for 2009 and 2018 were included in the SIP.

Comment: Comments from the Forrester Service suggests some clarifications as well as indicating missing appendices.

Response: MDEQ agrees with and has added these clarifications and included the missing appendices.

Comment: Comments from the FLMs suggest that Michigan's SIP assumes RPGs are met even though the 20% best days at Seney are getting worse.

Response: MDEQ believes that this should not be an issue of concern; there are several reasons that could explain this including modeling or growth factors. More detail is included in the SIP.

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Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Written comments must be received by November 14, 2007. If a request is received in writing by November 14, 2007, a public hearing will be scheduled. Information Contact: **Tom Andrzejewski**, Air Quality Division, 517-373-0134. Decision-maker: **G. Vinson Hellwig**, Air Quality Division Chief.

CRYSTAL AGGREGATES, LLC, COPEMISH, MANISTEE COUNTY. Written comments are being accepted on a proposed Consent Order to administratively resolve alleged air pollution violations. You may obtain copies of the proposed Consent Order and Staff Activity Report on the Web at www.michigan.gov/deqair. Submit written comments to Malcolm Mead-O'Brien, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Written comments must be received by November 28, 2007. If a request is received in writing by November 28, 2007, a public hearing will be scheduled. Information Contact: **Malcolm Mead-O'Brien**, Air Quality Division, 517-241-2094. Decision-maker: **G. Vinson Hellwig**, Air Quality Division Chief.

**AIR QUALITY
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KRAFT FOODS GLOBAL, INC., BATTLE CREEK, CALHOUN COUNTY. Written comments are being accepted on a proposed Consent Order to administratively resolve alleged air pollution violations. You may obtain copies of the proposed Consent Order and Staff Activity Report on the Web at www.michigan.gov/deqair. Submit written comments to Tom Andrzejewski, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Written comments must be received by November 28, 2007. If a request is received in writing by November 28, 2007, a public hearing will be scheduled. Information Contact: **Tom Andrzejewski**, Air Quality Division, 517-373-0134. Decision-maker: **G. Vinson Hellwig**, Air Quality Division Chief.

**AIR QUALITY
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MICHIGAN'S REGIONAL HAZE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SIP): proposed for Michigan's two Class I areas, Isle Royale National Park and Seney Wilderness Area. Public comment will be taken through November 29, 2007. This public comment period meets the public participation requirements for a SIP submittal. The Regional Haze SIP can be viewed on the Web at www.michigan.gov/deqair. If requested by November 29, 2007, a hearing will be held December 4, 2007 (see December 4 listing in this calendar). Written comments should be sent to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909, to the attention of Mary Ann Halbeisen. Information Contact: **Cynthia Hodges**, Air Quality Division, 517-335-1059. Decision-maker: **DEQ Director**.

**ENVIRONMENTAL
SCIENCE AND
SERVICES DIVISION**
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CLEAN CORPORATE CITIZEN DESIGNATION, MAHLE POWERTRAIN, LLC, 41000 VINCINTI COURT, NOVI, OAKLAND COUNTY. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has received an application for Clean Corporate Citizen (C3) designation from MAHLE Powertrain, LLC, 41000 Vincinti Court, Novi, Michigan as provided for under Administrative Rules R324.1508: Clean Corporate Citizen Program. The C3 program provides incentives for improved environmental protection. Regulated establishments that have demonstrated environmental stewardship can receive C3 designation and public recognition for their efforts and are entitled to certain regulatory benefits. Information Contact: **Kelie Bond**, Environmental Science and Services Division, 517-241-7969. Decision-maker: **DEQ Director**.

**ENVIRONMENTAL
SCIENCE AND
SERVICES DIVISION**
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CLEAN CORPORATE CITIZEN DESIGNATION, MAHLE TECHNOLOGY, INC., 23030 HAGGERTY ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS, OAKLAND COUNTY. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has received an application for Clean Corporate Citizen (C3) designation from MAHLE Technology, Inc., 23030 Haggerty Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan as provided for under Administrative Rules R324.1508: Clean Corporate Citizen Program. The C3 program provides incentives for improved environmental protection. Regulated establishments that have demonstrated environmental stewardship can receive C3 designation and public recognition for their efforts and are entitled to certain regulatory benefits. Information Contact: **Kelie Bond**, Environmental Science and Services Division, 517-241-7969. Decision-maker: **DEQ Director**.

**LAND AND WATER
MANAGEMENT
DIVISION**
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PROPOSED FILLED BOTTOMLANDS DEED, MACKINAC COUNTY. Proposed filled bottomlands deed to a 0.11-acre parcel of Lake Huron public trust bottomlands in Clark Township, Mackinac County. File LH 476. Contact: **Tom Graf**, Land and Water Management Division, 517-335-3471. Decision-maker: **DEQ Director**.

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	<p>Office, 3058 West Grand Boulevard, Suite 2-300, Detroit, Michigan 48202. The decision-maker for the permit is Teresa Seidel, District Supervisor. If requested in writing by November 28, 2007, a public hearing may be scheduled. Information Contact: Lee H. Varner, Air Quality Division, 313-456-4684.</p>
NOVEMBER 29, 2007	<p>DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING EMPIRE IRON MINING PARTNERSHIP (SRN B1827), PALMER, MARQUETTE COUNTY, for the proposed approval of the Renewable Operating Permit for the company's Palmer facility. This draft permit is a renewal of the original Renewable Operating Permit #199600365 which was issued to the company on November 6, 2000. The equipment included in this proposed ROP renewal is the iron ore pellet manufacturing operations and related material handling equipment. The responsible official of the facility is David B. Blake, General Manager, P.O. Box 38, Palmer, Michigan 49871. The draft permit is intended to simplify and clarify the facility's applicable requirements and will not result in any air emission changes at the facility. The ROP public notice documents can be viewed on the Web at www.michigan.gov/deqair. Comments on the proposed permit are to be submitted to Thomas Maki, Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, 420 Fifth Street, Gwin, Michigan 49841. If requested in writing by November 29, 2007, a public hearing will be held on December 6, 2007 (see December 6 listing in this calendar). Information Contact: Thomas Maki, Air Quality Division, 906-346-8503.</p>
NOVEMBER 29, 2007	<p>DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING MICHIGAN'S REGIONAL HAZE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SIP), proposed for Michigan's two Class I areas, Isle Royale National Park and Seney Wilderness Area. This public comment period meets the public participation requirements for a SIP submittal. The Regional Haze SIP can be viewed on the Web at www.michigan.gov/deqair. If requested by November 29, 2007, a hearing will be held December 4, 2007 (see December 4 listing in this calendar). Written comments should be sent to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909, to the attention of Mary Ann Halbeisen. Information Contact: Cynthia Hodges, Air Quality Division, 517-335-1059.</p>
NOVEMBER 29, 2007 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	<p>MICHIGAN SMALL BUSINESS CLEAN AIR COMPLIANCE ADVISORY PANEL MEETING, LANSING. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is holding a meeting of the Michigan Small Business Clean Air Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP) in Constitution Hall, Katherine Cushman Conference Room, 525 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan. The CAP is a seven-member panel through which members speak freely and openly about air quality matters. The public is encouraged to attend. Individuals needing accommodations for effective participation at the meeting should contact Donna Davis, Environmental Science and Services Division, 517-335-2784, a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.</p>
DECEMBER 4, 2007 1:00 p.m.	<p>TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING MICHIGAN'S REGIONAL HAZE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SIP), proposed for Michigan's two Class I areas, Isle Royale National Park and Seney Wilderness Area. This public comment period meets the public participation requirements for a SIP submittal. The Regional Haze SIP can be viewed on the Web at www.michigan.gov/deqair. If requested by November 29, 2007, a public hearing will be held in the Constitution Hall, Lillian Hatcher Conference Room, 3rd Floor North, 525 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan. Those interested may contact the Air Quality Division at 517-335-1059 on November 30, 2007, to determine if a hearing was requested and will be held. Information Contact: Cynthia Hodges, Air Quality Division, at 517-335-1059.</p>
DECEMBER 6, 2007 10:00 a.m.	<p>TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING EMPIRE IRON MINING PARTNERSHIP (SRN B1827), PALMER, MARQUETTE COUNTY, for the proposed approval of the Renewable Operating Permit for the company's Palmer facility. This draft permit is a renewal of the original Renewable Operating Permit #199600365 which was issued to the company on November 6, 2000. The equipment included in this proposed ROP renewal is the iron ore pellet manufacturing operations and related material handling equipment. The draft permit is intended to simplify and clarify the facility's applicable requirements and will not result in any air emission changes at the facility. If requested in writing by November 29, 2007, a public hearing will be held at the Department of Environmental Quality District Office, 420 Fifth Street, Gwin, Michigan. Information Contact: Thomas Maki, Air Quality Division, 906-346-8503.</p>

General Summary of Comments From the 2007 Public Comment Period and MDEQ Responses

Comment: Comments were received from several groups that supported MDEQ's CAIR=BART.

Response: This comment may no longer pertain due to the possible vacatur of CAIR.

Comment: Two comments did not support discontinuing either class I monitors if federal funding was not met.

Response: MDEQ will look at other options if federal funding is cut.

Comment: DTE Energy encouraged the use of later year base year emissions inventories (2005).

Response: MDEQ agrees and has made appropriate updates.

Comment: Consumers Energy supports MDEQ's Regional Haze SIP in light of the states current economy, the actions being taken by the 1997 PM2.5 NAACS, and the fundamental difference of Regional Haze to other criteria pollutants.

Response: MDEQ appreciates the support.

Comment: Consumers Energy suggests MDEQ use the glide path diagrams in the body of the SIP submittal

Response: MDEQ agrees and has made appropriate updates.

Comment: WE Energies supported MDEQ's Reasonable Progress approach and provided several references to EPA documents that support our approach.

Response: MDEQ appreciates the support.

Comment: The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (Tribe) suggests that Michigan should have clearly defined milestones established and fulfilled for the next five decades (to 2064).

Response: MDEQ has had difficulty predicting and setting milestones for the next five and ten years due to many factors beyond our control. The example RPG in the SIP document shows possible milestones for the next five decades, but clearly this has little meaning in light of the many unknowns over that period of time.

Comment: The Tribe wanted MDEQ to discuss the issues with the location of the Isle Royale monitor.

Response: This monitor is located within the boundaries of EPA regulations, but MDEQ did include some discussion of this issue in the SIP document.

FLM Comments

Comment: Several areas in the SIP needed more details or clarification such as:

- Monitoring
- Identifying sources with Q/d and PSAT (AOI)
- No reasonable progress goals for the 20% cleanest days
- Values used to set reasonable progress goals
- Plans for future consultation
- Basis for emissions reductions
- Information analyzed in periodic reports
- Determination of adequacy of the plan
- Contingency measures
- Emissions inventory
- Information on modeling by MRPO
- Wildland fires and smoke management plans

Response: MDEQ has made these corrections/clarifications.

Comment: The values for natural background conditions were incorrect.

Response: MDEQ has made these corrections.

Comment: Absence of information on BART analysis.

Response: MDEQ has not completed its BART analyses, but will provide the FLMs a 60 day comment period when BART analyses are complete.

Furthermore with the pending vacatur of CAIR, MDEQ is uncertain of the requirements for EGUs, since MDEQ originally determined that CAIR=BART.

Comment: Non-health based terminology is problematic.

Response: The class I areas in Michigan are located in some of the cleanest areas of the state with annual average PM_{2.5} of 5ug/m³. This is below the 15ug/m³ NAAQS for PM_{2.5}, which EPA considers safe. Therefore, reducing haze in the class I areas is mainly to protect visibility, as the Regional Haze Rule in 40 CFR Part 51, II, states, "Congress adopted the visibility provisions in the CAA to protect visibility in these 'areas of great scenic importance.'"

The same particles that impact haze have health effects and are of greatest concern in PM_{2.5} non-attainment areas. The Haze program is a welfare-based program, not health based, which is the point the MDEQ was making in the earlier version of the SIP document. However, the CAA does not suggest that visibility is less important than other parts of the CAA. Therefore, MDEQ has removed any such language from the SIP.